

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 25 on page four with the following amended paragraphs:

Fig. 2a:        The parking brake level unit from Fig. 1 in a three-dimensional view from its underside;

Fig. 2b:        The underside latching elements of the transverse shaft depicted in Fig. 2a is shown in a cross-sectional view.

Please replace the first full paragraph on page nine with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 5 shows the support 20 in a partially sectional view. The ratchet insert 26 is connected to the support portion 23 of the support 20 by injection molding. The ratchet insert 26 is almost completely covered by the plastic material, only the teeth area 27 extends from the support portion 23. For a safe connection the ratchet insert 26 comprise mounting holes ~~28~~31, which are filled with plastic material during injection molding. From the backside the ratchet insert 26 is covered by a wall portion 29. So, a safe and reliable anchoring of the ratchet insert 26 is ensured and it cannot be undesirably released. Further, by this over-molding of the ratchet insert 26 no further assembly step is required.

Please add the following reference sign below reference sign 14 on page ten:

15        Self-lubricating plastic bearing assembly

Please delete the following reference sign below reference sign 27 on page ten:

~~28        Mounting holes~~

Please add the following reference sign below reference sign 30 on page ten:

31        Mounting holes

Please add the following reference signs below reference sign 60 on page ten:

72        Shaft head and latches

73        Shaft head and underside latches